

Our ref: TR/jmck/FOI – 1629

17th May 2023

By Email: (request-973592-225ccff2@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Mr Hecker

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information on the number of digital discharge summaries where the terms spiked, spike or spiking is included has now been considered by the Southern Health & Social Care Trust and unfortunately cannot be processed.

The information requested is not centrally held and a manual trawl of every discharge letter on Patient Centre would be required. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you should write to Dr Catherine Weaver, the FOI lead for the Trust.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust’s complaints procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact Dr Catherine Weaver at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

(Sent electronically, not signed)

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